

2340 Powell Street #330 Emeryville, CA 94608

[Date]

[Insert Recipient's Name] [Insert Address] [Insert City, State, Zip]

RE: Important Security Notification Please read this entire letter.

## **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear [Insert customer name]:

We are contacting you regarding a data security incident that has occurred on January 31, 2021 at AxleHire, Inc. As a result, your personal information may have been potentially exposed to others. Please be assured that we have taken every step necessary to address the incident.

## What Happened

When we were preparing the 1099 tax forms for our drivers in January 2021, there was a software glitch that resulted in some drivers receiving the wrong 1099 forms. The error was isolated, and therefore, only caused errors within a small random subset of our driver population.

After the incident, we were able to determine which drivers received incorrect 1099 forms and will maintain this record internally in the event any issues arise in the future. In the meantime, we have contacted all drivers who received a 1099 form other than their own, and have requested that they discard the information they received about other drivers.

## What Information Was Involved

This incident involved your name, address, and Social Security number.

# What We Are Doing

AxleHire has fixed the software issue above and sent out corrected 1099 forms to each driver. Furthermore, in order to avoid the opportunity for error in the future, AxleHire will instead post a password protected 1099 for each driver within the driver app link accessible only under a driver's unique login credentials.

To help further protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian's® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by**: [enrollment end date] (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: [URL]
- Provide your activation code: [code]

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at [customer service number] by [enrollment end date]. Be prepared to provide engagement number [engagement #] as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian. You may also review Appendix A for additional details regarding your 24-month Experian IdentityWorks Membership.

### What You Can Do

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

You should remain vigilant for incidents of fraud, identity theft, and errors by regularly reviewing your account statements and monitoring free credit reports. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, be sure to report it immediately to your financial institutions, as major credit card companies have rules that restrict them from requiring you to pay for fraudulent charges that are timely reported.

In addition, you are encouraged to contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), law enforcement, or your state attorney general to report incidents of suspected identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. You can contact the FTC at:

Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.identitytheft.gov

If you find that your information has been misused, the FTC encourages you to file a complaint with the FTC and to take these additional steps, among others: (1) close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently; and (2) file and keep a copy of a local police report as evidence of the identity theft crime.

If you are a resident of Maryland or Oregon, please review Appendix B for additional information that may be applicable to you.

## **Obtain Your Credit Reports**

You should also monitor your credit reports. You may periodically obtain credit reports from each nationwide consumer reporting agency. If you discover inaccurate information or a fraudulent transaction on your credit report, you have the right to request that the consumer reporting agency delete that information from your credit report file.

In addition, under federal law, you are entitled to one free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by going to www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling (877) 322-8228. You also may complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form available from the FTC at

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf, and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You may also contact any of the three major consumer reporting agencies to request a copy of your credit report.

You may contact the nationwide consumer reporting agencies at:

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion

 P.O. Box 105788
 P.O. Box 9554
 P.O. Box 160

 Atlanta, GA 30348
 Allen, TX 75013
 Woodlyn, PA 19094

 (800) 349-9960
 (888) 397-3742
 (888) 909-8872

 www.equifax.com
 www.experian.com
 www.transunion.com

## **More Information**

We sincerely apologize for this incident and regret any inconvenience it may cause you. Should you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Insert Experian Call Center #].

Sincerely,

Daniel Sokolovsky

President

### APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at [customer service number]. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at <a href="https://www.experianIDWorks.com/restoration">www.experianIDWorks.com/restoration</a>. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

- \* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling
- \*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

## APPENDIX B: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MARYLAND AND OREGON RESIDENTS

## IF YOU ARE A MARYLAND RESIDENT:

You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached at:

Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888) 743-0023 www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

# **IF YOU ARE AN OREGON RESIDENT:**

You may report suspected identity theft to and obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached at:

Oregon Department of Justice 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096 (503) 378-4400 www.doj.state.or.us